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1. IN MEETING DECEMBER 10, TURKISH EMBASSY CHARGE TOLD
CHARGE THAT ELEGDAK VISIT DECEMBER 13-16 TO GDR WOULD BE
ESSENTIALLY A GENERAL SESSION TO DISCUSS SOME ISSUES OF
MUTUAL INTEREST. OFFICIAL TALKS, ACCORDING TO TURKISH EMBASSY
SOURCE, WOULD LAST ONLY 4-6 HOURS. IMPETUS FOR VISIT
CAME FROM GDR SIDE DURING UNGA MEETING BETWEEN TURKISH
AND EAST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTERS.

2. TURKISH CHARGE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE MUCH DISCUSSION
OF POSSIBLE GDR/TURKISH CONSULAR CONVENTION. TURKISH
SIDE MAY RAISE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS OF
TURKISH WORKERS WHO TRANSIT EAST BERLIN, BUT WILL NOT
PUSH HARD. THEY PROBABLY WILL RAISE MATTER OF 5 MARK
GDR TRANSIT VISA FEE CHARGED TURKISH WORKERS WHO USE
SCHOENEFELD TO TAKE TURKISH AIRLINES FLIGHTS TO/FROM
TURKEY. TURKS BELIEVE THIS POSES UNNECESSARY BURDEN ON THEIR
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CITIZENS USING SCHOENEFELD AND IS AN EXTRA SOURCE OF INCOME

TO GDR. IN LAST 10 MONTHS, 30,000 TURKISH CITIZENS USED SCHOENEFELD.

2. TURKISH SIDE ALSO PLANS TO RAISE QUESTION OF TWO RADIO STATIONS IN GDR ALTHOUGH, AS REFTEL NOTES, THEY DO NOT EXPECT GDR TO MOVE FROM ITS PREVIOUS POSITIONS.

3. TURKS ALSO EXPECT SOME DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATTERS. IN CONNECTION WITH TURKISH FIVE-YEAR PLAN, THERE WILL BE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE GDR INVOLVEMENT IN TURKISH MINING PROCESSING PROJECTS, AND, AS AN OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY, IN RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION PLANS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ELEGDAK WILL ALSO PAY CALLS ON APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN TRANSPORT AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRIES, AND WILL VISIT A MINING PROCESSING PROJECT HERE. THERE MAY ALSO BE SOME GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT INCREASED CULTURAL CONTACTS.

4. ELEGDAK'S VISIT WILL PROBABLY ALSO PAVE WAY FOR VISIT BY GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER TO GDR IN 1977, PERHAPS IN THE FALL. POLANSKY

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